IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1.   (currently amended) A video display apparatus, comprising:

a display unit operable to display video;

a storage unit operable to ~~sequentially update and~~ temporarily store video data of the video being displayed on the display unit;

a read/write unit operable to ~~write the video data stored in the storage unit into an external storage medium according to a first external operation, and to read the video data from the external storage medium according to a second external operation~~ sequentially update the video data stored in the storage unit; ~~and~~

a display control unit operable to display video on a screen of the display unit based on ~~the~~ video data read from ~~the~~ an external storage medium by the read/write unit;

wherein, when ~~said~~ a first external operation is performed, the read/write unit prohibits the storage unit updating, transfers all video data temporarily stored in the storage unit to the external storage medium, and reads the video data from the external storage medium according to a second external operation~~the storage unit stops updating until all video data has been transferred.~~;

wherein the read/write unit is operable to compress the video data with a prescribed compression format and to store the compressed video data in the storage unit; and

wherein the display control unit is operable to display one frame of the video data being displayed at a time the first external operation is performed, the one frame being displayed on at least a part of the screen of the display unit.

Claim 2.   (original) The video display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the external storage medium is of a type that may be rewritten with data a fewer number of times than the storage unit.

Claim 3.   (original) The video display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the external storage medium is a detachable external memory and information read out from the external memory other than the video data is displayed on the screen of the display unit.

Claim 4.   (original) The video display apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the information read out from the external memory includes information selected from the group consisting of information corresponding to a free storage capacity of the external memory and information corresponding to a readout

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position of the video data to be read from the external memory according to the second external operation.

Claims 5-7.   (canceled)

Claim 8.   (original) The video display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the read/write unit is operable to prohibit a further performance of the first external operation while writing the video data stored in the storage unit into the external storage medium according to the first external operation.

Claim 9.   (original) The video display apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the read/write unit is operable to permit a further performance of the first external operation when the writing of the video data stored in the storage unit into the external storage medium has been completed.

Claim 10. (original) The video display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the read/write unit is operable to send the video data stored in the storage unit to the external storage medium using a communication method based on a prescribed copyright protection technique.

Claim 11. (original) The video display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the read/write unit is operable to write the video data stored in the storage unit into the external storage medium in a format based on a prescribed copyright protection technique.

Claim 12. (original) The video display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the read/write unit is operable to read the video data from the external storage medium using a readout mode specified by the second external operation.

Claim 13. (original) The video display apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the display control unit is operable to display the video data read from the external storage medium in a display mode corresponding to the readout mode, the video data being displayed on at least a part of the screen of the display unit.

Claim 14. (original) The video display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the display control unit is operable to display on the display unit a first video based on the video data to be stored in the external storage medium and a second video based on the video data read from the external storage medium.

Claim 15. (currently amended) A video display method,

comprising:

~~sequentially updating and~~ compressing with a prescribed

compression format and temporarily storing video data of video

being displayed on a display unit;

sequentially updating the temporarily stored video data;

~~writing the stored video data into an external storage~~

~~medium according to a first external operation;~~

~~reading the video data from the external storage medium~~

~~according to a second external operation; and~~

displaying video on the display unit based on ~~the~~ video

data read from ~~the~~ an external storage medium;

wherein, when ~~said~~ a first external operation is performed,

the sequential updating step is stopped, all of the temporarily

stored video data is transferred to the external storage medium,

and the video data is read from the external storage medium

according to a second external operation; and ~~temporary storing~~

~~of video data is stopped until all video data has been~~

~~transferred.~~

wherein the display unit is operable to display one frame

of the video data being displayed at a time the first external

operation is performed, the one frame being displayed on at

least a part of the screen of the display unit.

Claim 16. (original) The video display method according to claim 15, further comprising compressing the video data in a prescribed compression format prior to the step of temporarily storing the video data.

Claim 17. (original) The video display method according to claim 15, wherein the writing step includes sending the stored video data to the external storage medium using a communication method based on a prescribed copyright protection technique.

Claim 18. (original) The video display method according to claim 15, wherein the writing step includes writing the stored video data into the external storage medium in a format based on a prescribed copyright protection technique.

Claim 19. (original) The video display method according to claim 15, wherein the reading step includes reading the video data written in the external storage medium using a readout mode specified by the second external operation.

Claim 20. (original) The video display method according to claim 15, wherein the display step includes displaying on the display unit a first video based on the video data to be stored in the external storage medium and a second video based on the video data read from the external storage medium.